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NEWS RELEASE

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The purpose of this announcement is to provide an update on VFDA cost recovery fishing progress, and preliminary harvest information from Sunday's opener. All other fishing periods remain as previously announced.

SEINE FISHERIES: VFDA began its pink salmon cost recovery fishing program on Thursday, June 20. VFDA has collected approximately 46% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal through June 29, with cost recovery fishing continuing today. Cost recovery pink salmon harvest on Saturday, June 29 was approximately 108,000 fish with an average weight of approximately 2.95 pounds per fish and 26% female. The preliminary Eastern and Southeastern harvest estimate from the 14-hour period on Sunday, June 30 is 1.5 million pink salmon.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to occur at 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 2.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

Announcement recordings are available for **gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.**

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web addresses:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareacopperriver.main> (Copper River homepage) or

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure that they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.